

Columbus Police Department's



2018 Annual Report

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Columbus Police Department



Chief of Police
Richard T. Boren

Police Officer	December 13, 1971
Detective	October 5, 1974
Sergeant	August 5, 1985
Lieutenant	April 5, 1991
Captain	March 23, 1996
Major	November 11, 1998
Assistant Chief	November 6, 2002
Chief of Police	November 1, 2004

I am pleased to submit the Columbus Police Department's Annual Report for 2018 to the City Administration and the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. The report includes information concerning the department's organizational structure and statistical information concerning the department's accomplishments during the year.

There were 9,026 Part 1 Crimes reported in 2018. This was a 6.0% decrease from 2017 total of 9,605 Part One Crimes and a 24.9% decrease over the previous five-year average of 11,592. The overall Part 1 clearance rate remained consistent with the five-year average. Though not a Uniform Crime Report Part 1 statistic, we had four fewer traffic fatalities in 2018 compared to 2017. We had a decrease of 2.37% total crashes and ended the year with 11,467 crashes investigated. In addition, the total line of duty injuries to Police Officers due to crashes and other incidents were down by more than 36%.

The Police Department responded to 252,906 calls for service during the year. This represents a 16.8% increase from 2017 (216,393) calls for service. In addition to responding to calls, our officers are in tune with the needs of the public and participate in numerous classes and safety programs designed to help the public. Our Traffic Division conducted 46 safety classes administered to 7,126 children and adults on bicycle and motorcycle safety. One thousand donated bicycle helmets were given out to kids at no cost. Columbus was again recognized as one of only nine cities in Georgia that has achieved "Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community" status from the League of American Bicyclists largely due to the community involvement of our traffic division.

The Columbus Police Department is the

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only police department in the United States to obtain a “Silver” status from The League of American Bicyclists.

Community Relations is a key component within the department’s Community Oriented Policing strategy. The Department is directly involved in partnerships and initiatives within the community. These partnerships include: Columbus Against Drugs, Neighborhood Watch, Partners in Education, DARE Program, Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.), Safe Kids, DUI awareness training, Citizens Law Enforcement Academy and Seniors and Lawmen Together. “Project Lifesaver” Is a program to help locate at-risk wanderers and Alzheimer patients that wander away from their homes. The program utilizes specialized equipment and trained law enforcement officers who track bracelets attached to the individuals. We currently monitor six individuals and keep the equipment prepared if ever needed.

The department continued its community outreach with faith-based leaders through “The Columbus Police Department Pastor’s Academy”. This five-week training is to give the participants a better understanding of how law enforcement functions and a greater awareness of the challenges that face officers every day. It is emphasized that this experience is shared with their congregations. The Training Division conducted Active Shooter Seminars for churches, business and other concerned citizens of the community.

Intelligence-Led Policing strategies and the Records Management System (RMS) continue to define the direction for the Columbus Police Department as we use these systems to analyze records and data for use in fighting crime in our neighborhoods. Records Management System went live in February 2016; with RMS, we can better recognize criminal activity trends and patterns. With RMS we have improved on being pro-active and de-

ploying out resources where they are needed most.

Recruiting and retention remains the biggest challenges faced by the Columbus Police Department. Fifty – six officers were hired but forty- seven separated from the department leaving us eighty- five officers short of full strength at the end of the year. Recruiting tactics using updated billboards, websites, Facebook and videos are being utilized and we do receive a constant flow of new applicants. Unfortunately, our loss of both seasoned and junior officers continues to exceed the new hires. Our slogan is “Join the Force for Good” and our recruiters and officers are constantly seeking out qualified applicants that wish to join and become a long-term part of our department.

The Columbus Police Department has always been proactive in its approach to fighting crime in Columbus. We have collaborated with the citizens and businesses and have accomplished

Office of the Chief of Police



Assistant Chief Gil Slouchick

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results in pulling communities together to restrict the occurrence of crime in our neighborhoods and business districts. With the support of the citizens of Columbus, the Columbus Police Department will continue to strive to make the city a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and play.

Polygraph

The polygraph Unit conducts polygraph tests for the department as well as other federal, state and local agencies upon request.

During 2018, the Polygraph Unit conducted 92 tests. Of those 87 were police applicants and 5 were for criminal investigations.

Budget

The Budget Office is responsible for the planning, preparation and administration of the department's annual budget. The Budget Office oversaw expenditures of over \$25.5 million in FY17. Their other responsibilities include federal grant management, invoice administration, reimbursement claims, procurement of office supplies, and conducting internal audits.

Other Specialized Units

The Chief's Office also oversees the activities of other specialized units that are staffed on an as-needed basis (officers who have other primary assignments within the department). These include the SWAT team, Columbus Metro Narcotics Unit, Honor Guard, Police Chaplain and the Columbus-Metro Emergency Response Team (C.M.E.R.T.) that is a part of the Columbus Department of Homeland Security.



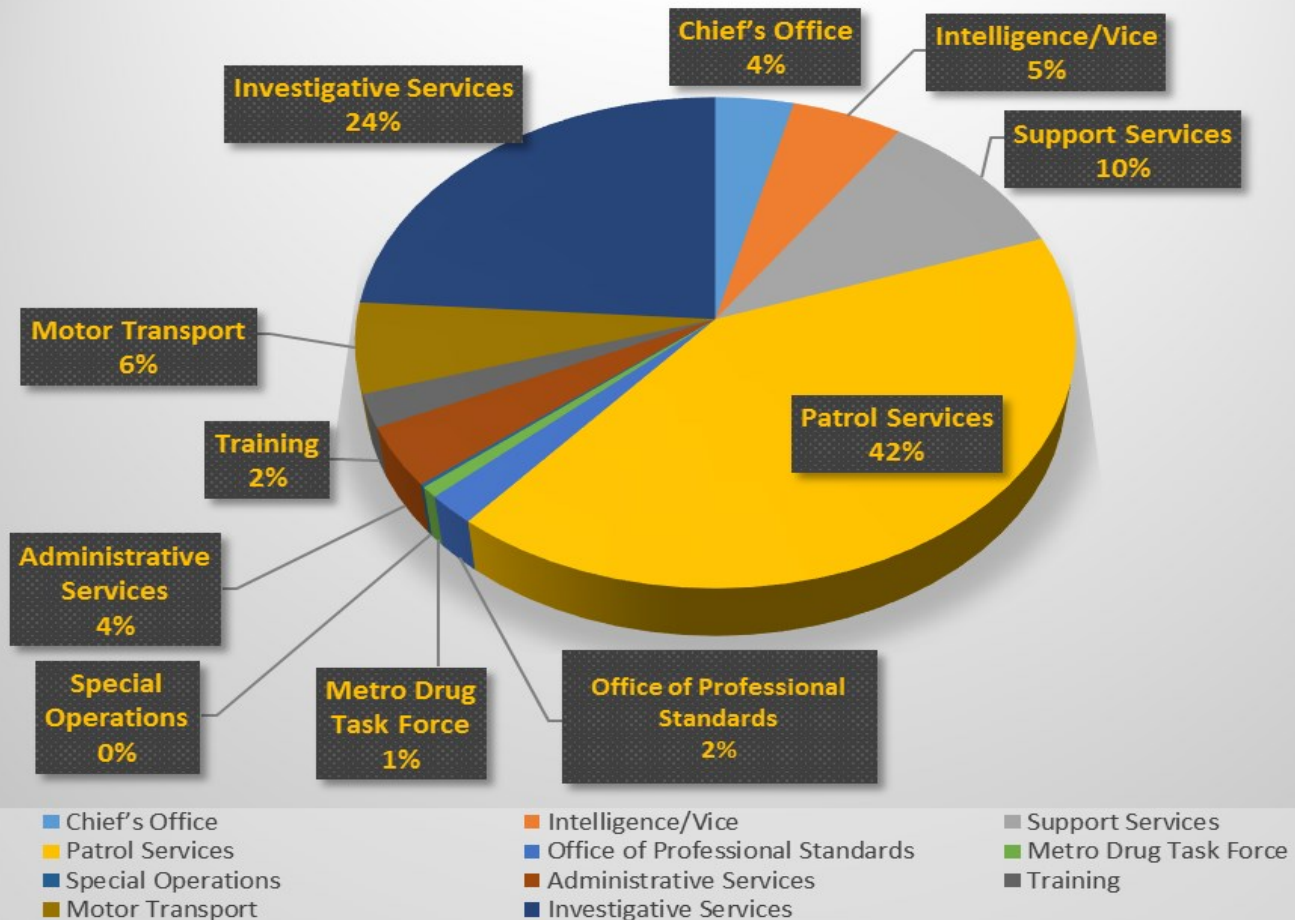
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Budget

	Actual FY'18	Actual FY'19*	Adopted FY'20
Chief's Office	1,032,446	1,009,900	1,026,401
Intelligence/Vice	1,214,775	1,210,249	1,450,943
Support Services	2,599,810	2,522,180	2,696,174
Patrol Services	10,978,762	11,221,496	11,050,943
Office of Professional Standards	522,795	552,301	542,022
Metro Drug Task Force	147,653	197,693	195,071
Special Operations	7,988	19,557	53,735
Administrative Services	1,543,893	1,508,320	1,058,580
Training	N/A	N/A	583,118
Motor Transport	1,334,887	1,587,409	1,580,979
Investigative Services	6,275,202	6,343,226	6,353,099
Total	25,658,211	26,172,331	26,591,065

*Unaudited

CPD FY'20 Adopted Budget Allocation



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Office of Professional Standards



Major Freddie Blackmon

The Office of Professional Standards is charged with the responsibility of assuring the department maintains high standards and integrity. The Office of Professional Standards conducts internal investigations and staff inspections, ensures the department complies with accreditation and certification standards, completes planning and research assignments, and maintains a criminal intelligence unit. The Office of Professional Standards is staffed with a major, lieutenant, four sergeants, three crime analysts, and an administrative secretary.

The Office of Professional Standards also maintains data and completed reports concerning complaints, uses of force, and vehicle pursuits.

Internal Affairs

The Office of Professional Standards investigates complaints and violations of orders and regulations concerning employees of the Columbus Police Department as directed by the Chief of Police. The Office of Professional Standards also investigates any discharge of a firearm by an employee.

When the Office of Professional Standards is assigned a complaint by the Chief of Police, it is responsible for conducting a thorough, impartial and accurate investigation.

The Office of Professional Standards also conducts special studies or investigations as directed by the Chief of Police. Such special studies or investigations are situations or circumstances that, by nature, require particular prudence or discretion deemed necessary by the Chief of Police.

Staff Inspections

The Office of Professional Standards conducts quarterly inspections of the Budget Office and two yearly inspections of the Evidence Rooms. The Office of Professional Standards also conducts other staff inspections or studies within the department as assigned by the Chief of Police. The results of staff inspections are reported to the Chief of Police.

Accreditation / Certification

The Columbus Police Department was initially accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 1993 and has maintained CALEA accreditation ever since. The process of accreditation has involved yearly reporting to CALEA and periodic on-site

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assessments. During the on-site assessments, the public is invited to provide feedback regarding the department. The department has been granted re-accreditation seven times since its initial accreditation and its most recent re-accreditation was in March of 2017. CALEA currently reviews electronic files every year to ensure the agency is maintaining compliance with the standards. In 2018, the Office of Professional Standards submitted the Department's proofs of compliance. The review of those proofs indicated that the Columbus Police Department continues to maintain compliance. CALEA sets forth 460 standards for law enforcement agencies. The Department will have an on-site assessment in 2020 and be evaluated for re-accreditation in 2021. Out of the approximately 18,000 agencies in the United States, there are currently less than 700 agencies awarded law enforcement accreditation from CALEA.

The department also receives certification through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP). The department first received certification in 1999 and has maintained certification ever since. The process involves yearly reporting to the GACP and periodic on-site assessments. The department has received five re-certifications since 1999 and its most recent re-certification was in July of 2016. Out of the approximately 630 agencies in Georgia, there are currently less than 150 agencies certified by the GACP.

For more information on the accreditation or certification process, you may contact CALEA at <http://www.calea.org/> or GACP at <https://gachiefs.com/>.

Planning and Research

The planning and research function is important for developing, updating, and analyzing the future strategies in law enforcement for the Police Department. The Planning and Research function is the source of information and the focal point for budget developments, forms control, strategic operational planning, and information management. All planning propo-

sals emanate from the Planning and Research function to the Chief of Police.

Criminal Intelligence Unit

The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) of the Columbus Police Department is responsible for collecting, retaining, disseminating, and the final disposition of criminal intelligence information. The Intelligence Unit Officer-in-Charge (OIC) is the Department liaison with other law enforcement agencies for the exchange of intelligence information under the provisions specified.

The function of the CIU is to gather information from any source in a manner consistent with the law and analyze received information to provide strategic, tactical and/or operational intelligence on the existence, identities, and capabilities of criminal suspects and enterprises. It is also the function of the CIU to detect and disrupt criminal activities, to include matters of Homeland Security.

The CIU is responsible for the direction of intelligence operations, coordination of personnel, collection, evaluation, collation, analysis, and the dissemination of intelligence information collected by or forwarded to the Columbus Police Department.

In addition to intelligence, the CIU performs crime analysis. This involves analyzing data associated with all criminal activity dealt with by the department. Data from traffic, patrol, and investigative services is gathered for analysis. This data may be gathered from computer sources or from actual reports.

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Report for 2018

Investigations	8
Number of employees involved	9
Exonerated	0
Sustained	1
Not Sustained	0
Still under investigation	8
Rescinded	1
Complaints Tracked	56
Number of officers involved	82
Number of civilians involved	1
Complaints sustained	14
Not sustained	8
Exonerated	26
Unfounded	19
Policy Failure	0
Still under investigation	0
Use of Force Tracked	79
Number of officers involved	114
Justified	75
Not Justified	0
Still under investigation	4
Use of Deadly Force Tracked	4
Number of officers involved	5
Justified	0
Still under investigation	4
Vehicle Pursuits Tracked	27
Number of officers involved	49
Officers not in compliance with pursuit policy	5
Officers not in compliance with mobile recording policy	8
Researches Completed	164
Inspections Completed	6
Lawsuits Tracked	19
Policy Revisions	35

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Criminal Intelligence

<u>Bulletins disseminated</u>	<u>192</u>
<u>Homeland Security & Intelligence items Reviewed</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Parcels entered into Intelligence Database</u>	<u>1,015</u>
<u>Monthly Analysis Reports</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Crime Graphics disseminated</u>	<u>95</u>



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Bureau of Patrol Services



Major Charles Kennedy

The Bureau Of Patrol Services Consists of:

Field Operations

Uniform Patrol

Beat Patrol Units

Traffic Enforcement

Motor Squad
Hit and Run Investigations

Specialized Units

Bicycle Squad
School Crossing Guard

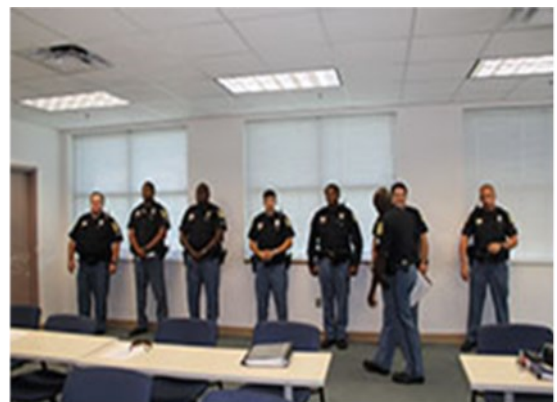
Personnel Summary

Majors	1
Captains	3
Lieutenants	10
Command Sergeant	2
Sergeants	34
Corporals	40
Police Officers	154
Civilians	2

The Bureau of Patrol Services provides the most direct and immediate response to requests for police services for the city of Columbus. Over the years the bureau has expanded into several specialized units that provide fast and effective responses to the needs of the community.

Uniform Patrol

This division comprises the bulk of the manpower assigned to the bureau and provides uniform patrol services to the city 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is comprised of three shifts, day, evening and morning watches, each commanded by a captain, that provide a full range of emergency and non-emergency services to the entire city.



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Traffic Enforcement

Motor Squad

This division consists of highly trained motorcycle officers, who provide traffic enforcement and motor vehicle crash investigation services.



Hit and Run Investigations

This unit is responsible for the follow-up investigation of hit and run motor vehicle accidents.

Specialized Units

This is a collection of specialized units that provide varying services to the community such as in parades, escorts, community services, details and bicycle safety classes.

Bicycle Patrol

These officers are specially trained to provide a quick and quiet response to requests for police service. Eight officers are assigned to this unit. They are primarily assigned to patrol the Riverwalk, walking trails and city parks, but they may also be used tactically in residential

and business areas as needed. They are particularly used when normal motor vehicle are either unusable or ineffective. The officers assigned to this unit also conduct many bicycle rodeos and other related safety campaigns in Columbus and surrounding areas.



School Crossing Guard Unit

This is a group of specially trained civilians that provide safe pedestrian access to school properties for our children. A police corporal manages this unit in a cooperative administrative arrangement between the city of Columbus and the Muscogee County School District

In Summary

Uniform patrol is often referred to as the “backbone of the department”. The professionalism and high standards of conduct displayed by our officers during their tour of duty proudly reflect the importance of this principle.

2018 Selected Activity Analysis	
Officers Contacts	374,691
Reports	67,327
Arrests	20,946
Tickets	72,753

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2018 Fatal Crash Report



The Motor Squad investigated **18** crashes in 2018 that resulted in the deaths of **21** persons. Of the **21** deaths in 2018, six (**6**) or **28%** involved a pedestrian. Of the six deaths two (**2**) were the fault of the pedestrian. The remaining fifteen (**15**) deaths involved motor vehicles, three (**3**) involved a motorcycle. In the crashes involving the motorcycles, the motorcycle riders were wearing DOT approved helmets.

There were twenty-one (**21**) persons killed in crashes. Twelve (**12**) had the opportunity to wear restraint devices and seven (**7**) or **58.3%** of the drivers/occupants chose not to wear a restraining device at the time of the crash. Of the twenty-one (**21**) deaths, **four (4) or 19% involved alcohol and/or drugs**. Of the twenty-one (**21**) deaths, there were two (**2**) Juveniles killed for **9.52%**. Of the two (**2**) Juvenile Fatalities in 2018, one (**1**) was a pedestrian struck in his driveway. The second was a Juvenile driver that failed to yield when turning left.

The following is a breakdown of additional information concerning the **18** fatal crashes in 2018:

Day of Week (Fatal Crashes)

DAY	Crash	Fatalities from Crash	Percentages
Sunday	1	1	5.54%
Monday	3	4	16.64%
Tuesday	3	3	16.64%
Wednesday	2	3	11.11%
Thursday	2	2	11.11%
Friday	5	5	27.85%
Saturday	2	3	11.11%
Total	18	21	100%

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In 2018, Friday yielded **(5)** fatalities and this day had the most fatalities followed closely by Monday with **(4)**. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday had **(3)** each, these days combined for a total of **42.85%** of the total fatal crashes.

Times	Crashes	# Killed		Times	Crashes	# Killed
0001-0100	1	1		1201-1300	1	1
0101-0200	1	1		1301-1400	1	2
0201-0300	3	3		1401-1500	1	1
0301-0400				1501-1600		
0401-0500				1601-1700		
0501-0600	1	2		1701-1800	1	1
0601-0700				1801-1900		
0701-0800				1901-2000	1	2
0801-0900				2001-2100	2	2
0901-1000	1	1		2101-2200	2	2
1001-1100				2201-2300		
1101-1200	2	2		2301-2400		

The times of day that the fatal crashes occurred in 2018 indicate that the most fatalities occurred between 0201-0300 hours with **(3)**. 0501-0600hrs **(2)**, 1101-1200hrs **(2)**, 1301-1400hrs **(2)**, 2001-2100hrs **(2)**, and 2101-2200 **(2)**. So, in 2018, **13** or **61.90%** of all fatalities occurred during those time frames. During 2018, the Motor Squad had **8** or **44.44%** of the eighteen **(18)** fatal crashes occur during normal working hours. The remaining ten **(10)** crashes, or **55.6%**, required seven **(7)** Motor Squad Officers, a Sergeant and Lieutenant to be called in to work these crashes. There were also eight **(8)** crashes in 2018 that were Serious in nature or thought to be potential fatalities that were investigated by the Motor Squad. There was also **(1)** crash with a death that was ruled as Medical Related. These crashes also required seven **(7)** Motor Squad Officers and a Sergeant and Lieutenant to be called in outside normal working hours.

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<u>Months</u>	<u>rence (Fatal Crashes)</u>				<u>of Occur-</u>
January	2	11.11%	July	0	0%
February	2	11.11%	August	1	5.56%
March	2	11.11%	September	0	0%
April	2	11.11%	October	1	5.56%
May	2	11.11%	November	3	16.66%
June	2	11.11%	December	1	5.56%

The most fatal crashes occurred during November with **(3)**. January, February, March, April, May, and June each followed with **(2)**. There was **(1)** fatality in each of the following months August, October, and December. The remaining months of July, and September each had **(0)**.

<u>Cause/Violation (Fatal Crashes)</u>		
Driver Lost Control/Speed	8	44.40%
Distracted Driver	1	5.65%
Failure to Yield	5	27.7%
Pedestrian Violation	3	16.6%
Following too Closely	1	5.65%

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The leading cause of fatal crashes in 2018 was the Driver Losing Control/Speed (Total 8). **Driver Losing Control/Speed** was the leading cause as well in 2017.

Traffic deaths in Columbus were **DOWN** by four **(4)** with **21** killed in 2018 compared to twenty-five **(25)** in 2017. In 2018 the number of persons killed not wearing a restraining device was seven **(7)**. This number is **UP** from **(6)** in 2017.

It is highly probable that these seven **(7)** fatalities could have been avoided or dramatically reduced had these individuals been wearing their restraining devices. Seat belt and Child Restraint compliance is mandatory and is strongly influenced by enforcement. Excessive speed as well as blatant traffic violations on all roadways in Columbus is a **major problem** that is only going to escalate with our ever-growing population. Continued selective enforcement, bi-monthly details and special details will have to continue with a heavy concentration in problem areas.

In 2014 Columbus had 22 traffic fatalities.
In 2015 Columbus had 15 traffic fatalities
In 2016 Columbus had 27 traffic fatalities
In 2017 Columbus had 25 traffic fatalities
In 2018 Columbus had 21 traffic fatalities

Over the past five **(5)** years, the average number of traffic fatalities in Columbus was **21.4** fatalities per year.

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Bureau Of Investigative Services



Major J. D. Hawk

The major components of the Bureau of Investigative Services are:

Robbery/Assault Division

Homicide Division

Property Crimes Division

Special Victims Division

Crime Scene Investigations Division

Special Operations Unit

Personnel Summary

Major	1
Captains	2
Lieutenants	5
Sergeants	28
Command Sergeants	0
Corporals	72
Police Officers	7
Civilians	6

The Bureau Of Investigative Services provides follow-up specialized investigative services, particularly of Part 1 Crimes as recognized by the FBI. Organizational structure and divisional responsibility is defined primarily by the type of criminal activity investigated.

Robbery/Assault Division

This unit specializes in Part 1 Crimes dealing with commercial and personal robberies, as well as personal assaults.

Fugitive Unit

The fugitive unit tracks down people that have outstanding arrest warrants originating from our department. This unit also handles interstate and intrastate prisoner extraditions.

Homicide Division

This unit deals primarily with criminal or suspicious deaths that involve long-term and /or high-profile investigations. This unit handles both recent cases and unsolved cases from previous years.

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Property Crimes Division

This division deals with property-related criminal investigations, including burglary and various types of thefts. The component units of this division are: Burglary / Theft; Financial Crimes and the Pawn Shop Detail.

Financial / White Collar Crimes Unit

This unit investigates activities involving the improper use of documents of legal tender and other criminal activities commonly referred to as "white collar" crimes.

Pawnshop Detail

This unit oversees the pawnshop businesses. Its activities include checking pawnshops for possible stolen items, maintaining a computerized database of all pawned articles and the investigation of persons involved with stolen pawned items.

Special Victims Division

The Division deals with juvenile cases, adult abuse cases and sex crimes cases involving adults and juveniles. They also investigate sexual predators.

Juvenile & Adult Services Unit

This unit investigates activities involving juveniles (persons less than 17 years of age) and adults. The unit also investigates missing person reports for both juveniles and adults.

Sex Crimes Unit

This unit specializes in rape and other sexually related criminal activity. The investigators are highly trained in dealing with sexual offenders and assisting the victims of these crimes. The Sex Crimes Unit also investigates computer crimes involving online child predators. This unit has the ability to search computer hard drives for evidence of crimes perpetrated through the use of computers.

Crime Scene Investigative Division

This unit is a highly specialized unit that requires all officers to be state certified in crime scene processing which includes crime scene documentation, processing and evidence collection. Each officer assigned to this unit must meet all qualifications to be accepted as an expert witness in judicial hearing. This unit is also responsible for the fingerprinting of all juvenile offenders.

Special Operations Unit

This unit investigates all complaints concerning narcotics, trafficking, prostitution, gambling and ABC violations. In addition, this unit consists of a tactical unit that can be deployed to handle any situation that requires an immediate law enforcement response, such as crime suppression details for burglaries and robberies. The tactical unit also assists in the suppression of narcotic crimes.

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2018 Cases Investigated by the Bureau of Investigative Services

Cases Investigated	Case Assigned
Homicide	31
Rape	227
Robbery	243
Aggravated Assault	167
Burglary	1,529
Larceny	1,630
Motor Vehicle Theft	798
Total Part One Crimes	7,792
All 2018 Cases investigated by the Investigative Bureau	9,246
<u>Identification for 2018</u>	<u>Prints Lifted</u>
	1,833

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Bureau of Support Services



Major Paul Ezell

The major components of the Bureau of Support Services are:

911 Center
Property and Evidence
Quartermaster Unit / Motor Transport
Unit / Evidence Section / Custodial
Services

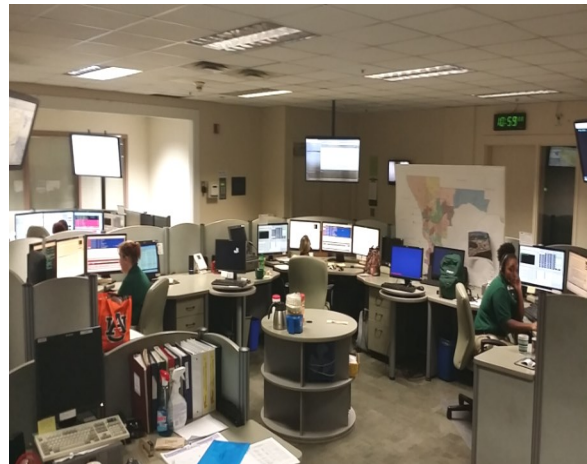
Record Room
Desk Services
Open Records

The Bureau of Support Services, as the name implies, provides services that support the primary roles of patrol and investigative services.

Personnel Summary

Major	1
Captain	1
Lieutenants	1
Command Sergeant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporals	6
Police Officers	6
911 Dispatchers	60
Cadets	1
Civilians	24

911 Center



The 911 Center provides public safety communications and dispatching services for the police, fire and E.M.S. departments as well as other public safety agencies in the area. A highly trained and capable civilian staff of call takers and dispatchers provide efficient services using state-of-the-art communications hardware.

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Property and Evidence



Known in-house as P&E, this unit's primary function is to receive, inventory and process all evidence and found property. All property is ultimately disposed of according to the law and/or departmental policy. Disposal may be made by the destruction of the item, by forwarding it to other agencies as appropriate, by returning the item to its rightful owner or by public auction.

Quartermaster Unit



The quartermaster unit maintains a complete inventory of all building property, furniture and other capital equipment excluding automobiles. The quartermaster unit maintains a complete stock of uniforms, equipment and supplies for issuing to officers and other employees. It is also responsible for receiving, logging and disbursing all deliverable materials except non-parcel mail.

Motor Transport

The motor transport unit maintains an inventory of motor vehicles used by the department, including the individually assigned vehicles. Careful record keeping is maintained, especially in tracking of operational, maintenance and repair costs. Analysis of the financial impact of the individually assigned vehicle program reveals, as was promised when the program was approved and implemented more than twenty years ago, tremendous cost savings despite an increase in the number of vehicles maintained. This savings is a direct result of individual accountability for each vehicle and a strict and rigorous inspection procedure. The motor transport unit also oversees the installation and maintenance of the computers video and radar equipment in each of the patrol "supercars".

Under the old fleet system, where police units operated around the clock, the cars rarely lasted more than a year or two and experienced very high operational costs after a short time on the streets. In addition, the appearance of the vehicles were hard to keep up. Under the individually assigned vehicle program, police units routinely last five years or more and maintain a like new appearance and performance during their entire lifetime at a fraction of comparable operational and maintenance cost.

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Record Room



The record room maintains and processes all major report forms used by the department such as Incident, Accident, Supplement, warrants and others. Processing involves initial logging, copying, distribution and data entry and indexing of certain information. The record room provides a check-in counter for the officers and employees as well as other functions.

The record room maintains comprehensive criminal history information in an interactive cooperative relationship with other local, state and federal agencies. This includes the dynamic exchange of information and data services via the GCIC (state) and NCIC.

Desk Services



This unit provides the initial point of contact for persons visiting our department and provides counter services 12 hours a day, 365 days a year. The public can obtain police reports, criminal histories, several types of permits and any other information that can legally be disseminated.

Desk Services provides incident reporting services, including supplement reports and follow-up contacts. This unit also coordinates the in-house mail services and communications.

The unit sergeant is responsible for maintaining the department's photo identification card system. All employees and authorized users of the building are issued a photo identification card which allows them access to the building based on their need and approved access.

Open Records

The Georgia Open Records Act is a series of laws guaranteeing the public access to public records of government bodies. Public records are documents, videos, photographs, voice recordings and certain other information generated by government agencies in the course of their duties. Any citizen of the state can request public records that have not been exempt from disclosure.

As of Sunday, July 1, 2012, the responsibility for processing requests for records under the Georgia Open Records law was transferred from the Bureau of Professional Standards to the Bureau of Support Services.

There were 1,388 open records requests processed by Support Services during the year 2018.

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Bureau of Administrative Services



Major Wanna Barker –Wright

The major components of the Bureau of Administrative Services are:

Training

Personnel

Recruiting Office

Crime Prevention

Drug Abuse Resistance Education
(D.A.R.E.)

Partners in Education

Crime Stoppers/ TipSoft

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together
(S.A.L.T.)

The Explorer Program

Handicap Parking Enforcement

Neighborhood Watch Program

Senior Volunteer Program

Project Lifesavers Program

Gang Resistance Education and Training
(G.R.E.A.T.)

Personnel Summary

Majors	1
Captains	1
Lieutenants	1
Command Sergeant	0
Sergeants	4
Corporals	9
Police Officers	0
Civilians	6

The Bureau of Administrative Services manages several major and organizational functions as well as specialized programs that include the following units.

Training

The training division provides a variety of training, testing, and certification services for department members. Most of this training is provided in-house, which includes in-service, recruit, field training officer, firearms training and much more. Outside training and certification services are also coordinated through this unit.

Personnel

Due to the large number of employees and special employment eligibility requirements, we maintain an in-house personnel unit that is responsible for several essential functions, including payroll management, police recruitment and pre-employment processing and record management requirements that go well beyond that of non-sworn city employees.

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Recruiting Office

The Recruiting Office is responsible for conducting all background investigations for Police Officer applicants for the department. Background investigations include physical fitness tests, home interviews, neighborhood canvass, employer and personal reference interviews, criminal, financial and driver history inquiries as well as polygraph and psychological exams. In addition to background investigations, recruiters also attend career fairs and other recruiting events in an effort to recruit a diverse group of applicants.

Crime Prevention

The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for education, information and various community service programs as well as presentations for the pro-active purpose of preventing and reducing opportunities for criminal behavior to all citizens.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The D.A.R.E. program is a primary prevention program directed at children who have yet to have their first alcohol or drug experience. The uniformed officers assigned to this unit are certified as D.A.R.E. instructors. These officers coordinate with a representative from the Muscogee County School District, Ft. Benning area schools and a local private school to provide a ten week curriculum in 5th grade classrooms. D.A.R.E. lessons focus on four major areas:

1. Providing accurate information about

gateway drugs.

2. Teaching Students decision-making skills.
3. Showing students how to resist peer pressure.
4. Giving students ideas for alternative positive activities.

The D.A.R.E. program also provides a summer component that reinforces the core curriculum and prepares students for middle school. The students participate in a variety of activities, games, as well as supplemental lessons and other educational material.



Partners in Education

In 1991, the Columbus Police Department adopted Forrest Road Elementary School as their partner in education. Over the years we have played an active role by participating in major activities and sharing time and talents in mutually beneficial interactions enjoyed by all.

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Crime Stoppers/ TipSoft

The Crime Stoppers Program provides citizens with an anonymous and reward earning opportunity to provide police with tips and information about suspects involved in criminal activities. The TipSoft Program is a management software program designed to communicate crime tips from citizens to police anonymously. The software program allows different services to send, receive, and reply to tips received electronically by texting, online reports, SMS or phone calls. TipSoft is maintained by Law Enforcement Agencies.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.)

The S.A.L.T. Program is a coalition of resources and commitments between law enforcement and senior citizens. The mutually beneficial results of this cooperative effort include the senior volunteer program, senior awareness classes, the task force for senior problems, and other projects.

The Explorers Program

The Boy Scouts of America's Explorers Program allows youth, from the ages of 13-20, to learn about particular career fields. On every Monday of each month, our explorer post meets to present various aspects of the law enforcement field to these young people.

Handicap Parking Enforcement

Under this program, volunteers are trained and authorized to enforce the handicapped parking ordinance in Muscogee County. This program has proved effective in citing those who abuse handicap parking privileges.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Columbus Police Department has over 150 Neighborhood Watch Programs. This program is one important way citizens can work together to prevent crimes in their neighborhoods. The citizens that live in the neighborhood, along with the police department, organize the program. The Crime Prevention Unit instructs the citizens on what to do if they see a suspicious persons or activity in the neighborhood. It also deals with what actions they can take to deter certain crimes. The Neighborhood Watch Program in the community enhances the effectiveness of the police department.



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Senior Volunteer Program

The Senior Volunteer Program was implemented within the department in 1992. This program is designed to take advantage of the talents of many senior citizens within the community who have retired from other careers. These citizens have been willing and are able to assist the Columbus Police Department by performing many needed tasks and functions. They perform countless hours of labor that would normally have to be performed by salaried workers.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes—95% less time than standard operations.

Project Lifesaver Program

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism and other related conditions or disorders.



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Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.)

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is built around classroom curricula instructed by uniformed officers who are certified G.R.E.A.T. instructors. Prevention is its primary objective. The Program is intended as a deterrent against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. G.R.E.A.T. offers a continuum of components for students and their families. The following components are offered in Muscogee County:

1. Middle School— A 13-lesson curriculum facilitated in the classroom during the school day. G.R.E.A.T.'s violence prevention/life-skills competency curriculum helps students avoid destructive behaviors and set attainable, personal goals.
2. Summer Component—Reinforces the 13 lesson cognitive, social, and self-esteem-building lessons. The students enjoy recreational activities, games, and outings, while putting to practical use the skills they learn from the G.R.E.A.T. lessons.
3. Family— Consists of six facilitator-guided, life-skills-based sessions that provide parents or adult caregivers and their children with opportunities to bond and strengthen healthy behaviors within the family unit. Ultimately, G.R.E.A.T. families seeks to strengthen communities by strengthening individual families one family at a time.



Pastor's Police Academy

The Pastor's Police Academy was conceptualized to reach out to faith-based leaders of all races and cultures in order to increase mutual understanding and resolve any community concerns. The academy was also designed for pastors to learn more about the functions of each of the Department's bureaus, duties of the members of the Command Staff, along with the training and performances standards for the officers of the Columbus Police Department.

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Selected Statistical Information as Reported by the Columbus Police Department

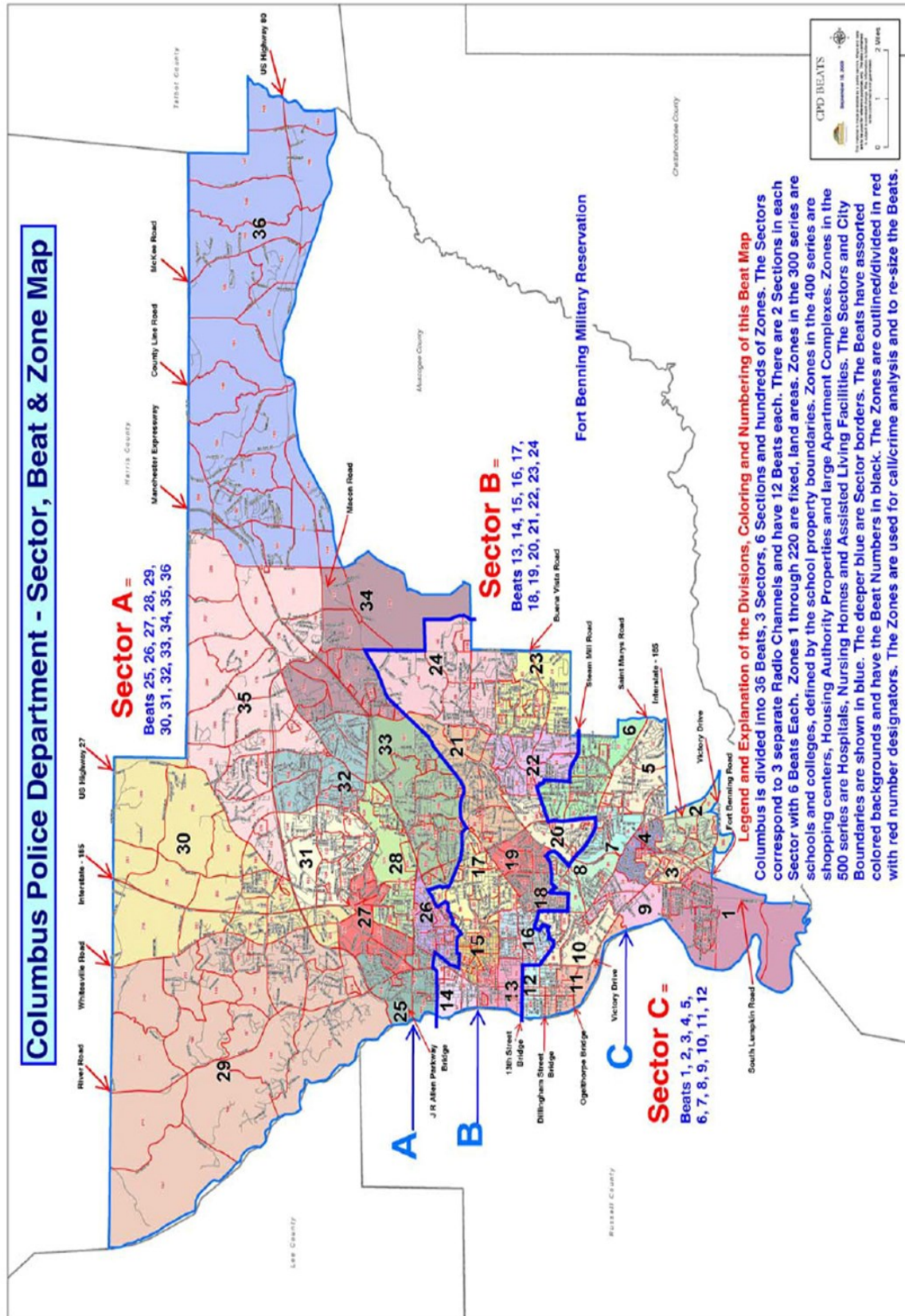
FBI Uniform Crime Report Part One Crimes	2017	2018	Change
Murder/Manslaughter	35	28	-20.0%
Rape	60	63	5.0%
Robbery	443	371	-7.4%
Aggravated Assault	433	410	1.88%
Burglary	1,976	1,364	-31.0%
Larceny	5,852	6,063	3.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	805	727	-9.7%
Number of Recovered Stolen Vehicles	569	546	-4.0%
Number of Persons Arrested			
Males	5,906	7,478	26.6%
Females	2,355	3,345	42.0%
TOTAL	8,261	10,823	31.0%
Family Violence			
Incidents of Reported Family Violence	1,101	1,047	-4.9%
Traffic Citations & Accidents			
Traffic Accidents (Public Streets)	8,086	7,997	-1.1%
Traffic Accidents (Private Property)	3,554	3,470	-2.4%
TOTAL	11,640	11,467	-1.5%
Hit & Run Accidents	2,427	2,319	-4.4%
Injuries	2,548	2,462	-3.4%
Fatalities	23	14	-39.1%
Traffic Citations	29,714	45,022	51.5%
Warnings	10,164	11,656	14.7%
DUI Arrest	738	793	7.45%
Traffic Accident Arrest	4,652	5,466	17.5%
Juvenile Offenses			
Number of Offenses Committed	1,993	2,613	31.1%
Number of Juvenile Offenders	1,157	1,363	17.8%
Males	796	904	13.6%
Females	361	459	27.1%
Number of Repeat Offenders	605	605	5.8%
Number of Non-Repeat Offenders	552	640	31.9%
Number of Juveniles Placed in Detention Home	226	212	-6.2%
Number of Juveniles Placed in Foster Homes	0	1	-100.00%
Line of Duty Injuries to Police Officers			
Officers Assaulted by Suspect	0	9	900.00%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	5	-68.8%
Pursuing Fleeing Suspects	43	16	-62.8%
Exposure to Contagious of harmful Substances	6	6	0.00%
Training Exercise	2	2	0.00%
Other Non-Categorized Injuries	45	32	-28.9%
TOTAL	112	70	-37.5%

Numbers may vary from previous reports as crimes are reported, reclassified, or corrections are made.
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Sworn Officers	2017	2018	Change
Number of Officers Employed (Hired)	56	40	-28.6%
Number of Officers Resigned	36	43	19.4%
Number of Officers Retired	12	1	-8.3
Number of Officers Terminated	1	1	0%
Number of Officers Deceased	0	1	100%
Non-Sworn Employees			
Number of Civilians Employees	30	15	-50%
Number of Civilians Resigned	16	13	-18.7%
Number of Civilians Retired	1	1	0%
Number of Civilians Terminated	0	0	0%
*Includes 911 Center Employed			
Absence From Duty (Days Lost)			
Illness (Sick & Family Medical Leave)	3,922	3,924	0.05%
Hazardous Duty Leave	29	40	37.9%
Suspension w/o Pay	104	101	-2.8%
Military Leave	1,686	924	-45.2%
Absent w/o Pay	488	552	13.1%
Other Non-categorized	712	428	-39.9%
Total	6,941	5,969	-14.0%

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2018 Officers and Employees of the Month

Officers

January	Corporal Zachary Cole
February	Corporal Derick Solt
March	Officer Emmanuel Rosado
April	Corporal Larry Daniel
May	Officer Chad Daugherty
June	Corporal Stuart Carter
July	Corporal Samantha Phillips
August	Corporal Virginia Duncan
September	Officer Tyler McCrea
October	Detective Amanda Hogan
November	Officer David Duckworth
December	Lieutenant Tim Wynn

Employees

January	Sherry Jones
February	Grenoda Wilder
March	Cynthia Baker-Raleigh
April	Janna Hoolapa
May	Cindy Ware
June	Kimberley Myhand
July	Lori McNeil
August	Kristina Schettig
September	Brittany Contreras
October	Jada Thomas
November	Cynthia Baker-Raleigh
December	Kristina Aguilar

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~Employee of the Year~



Faye L. Ruehle
Administrative Clerk
Serving Since June 19, 1995

The Command Staff of the Columbus Police Department has selected Ms. Faye Ruehle for Employee of the Year for 2019. This selection is based on the numerous accolades that Ms. Ruehle brings to the Bureau of Investigative Services.

Ms. Faye Ruehle is assigned to the Bureau of Investigative Services/Special Victims Unit. She assists detectives and patrol officers throughout the department with locating juveniles. Ms. Ruehle has maintained a database of juvenile offenders and contacts within the Juvenile Justice System and

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the Muscogee County School District. Ms. Ruehle also keeps up with all habitual runaways in the area.

In January of 2019, Ms. Ruehle's assistance lead to the apprehension of a juvenile offender who was wanted in connection with a homicide. This is just one of many times that Ms. Ruehle's expertise has assisted in the location and apprehension of a wanted juvenile offender.

As the Special Victim's Unit Administrative Clerk, Ms. Ruehle is responsible for collecting all juvenile arrest reports daily and ensuring that the unit's Lieutenant, Day Shift Sergeant, and Juvenile Court has a copy of them. Ms. Ruehle takes the time to read the reports and gather any information that she has in her database that may assist in the investigation of cases and forward it with the reports for appropriate distribution.

Ms. Ruehle checks with the Crime Scene Investigations Unit to make sure that juvenile offenders charged with felonies have been photographed and fingerprinted. Ms. Ruehle assists the Special Victim's Unit Lieutenant with the unit's monthly report and the unit's Quarterly Goals and Objectives. Ms. Ruehle keeps the unit's binders containing all information on juvenile suicides, attempted juvenile suicides, and policies and procedures updated. Ms. Ruehle also orders all office supplies for the unit and assists with decorating the office for special occasions.

This is only a brief summary of the qualities that clearly qualifies Ms. Faye L. Ruehle to be the **Columbus Police Department's 2019 Employee of the Year!**

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~Officer of the Year~



Lieutenant Timothy F. Wynn
Serving Since April 18, 1988

The Command Staff of the Columbus Police Department has selected Lieutenant Timothy F. Wynn for the **Officer of the Year for 2019**. The selection was based on the numerous accolades that Lieutenant Wynn brings to this department and himself.

Lieutenant Timothy F. Wynn joined the Columbus Police Department on April 18, 1988. He has worked in the Bureau of Patrol Services and Administrative Services. Lieutenant Wynn was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Training Division of the Bureau of

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Administrative Services on August 10, 2013. Lieutenant Wynn has one of the busiest Lieutenant positions in the entire agency. His position as the Lieutenant over the Training Division is critical to the effectiveness of the entire department. He uses his expertise to assure the safety of our officers and to assure the agency is not held liable for training related issues, which is the highest liability risk to any police agency.

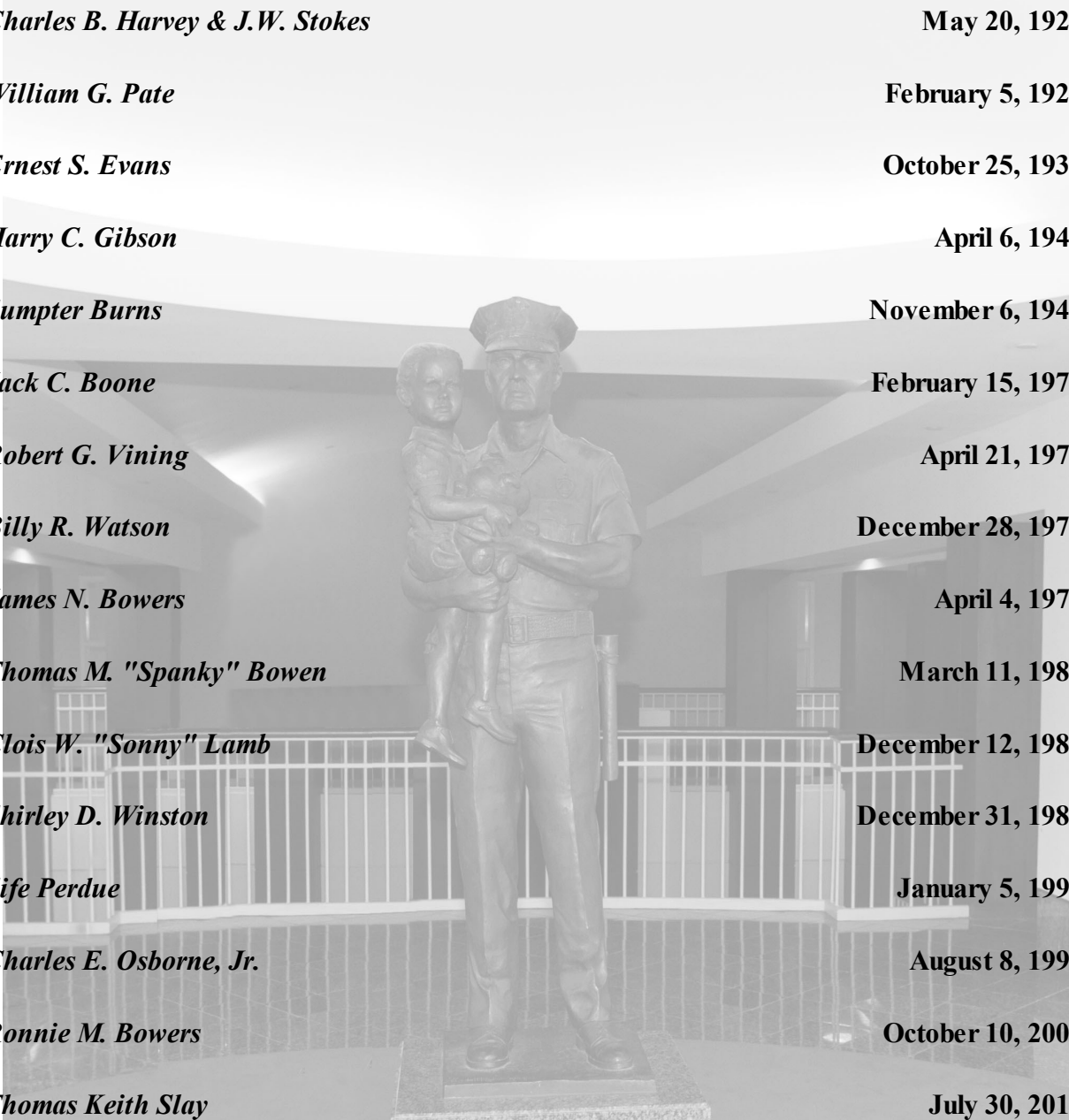
In addition to training the entire agency in an on-going capacity, Lieutenant Wynn has taught In-Service training for officers from 12 different agencies and the Motor School to officers from 10 different agencies. Lieutenant Wynn was recently certified to teach Stop Sticks and Precision Immobilization Techniques. This provides two new and highly effective methods to stop a suspect's vehicle during a vehicle pursuit. The training side of both techniques is critical for obvious safety reasons for our officers and the community. Lieutenant Wynn has an outstanding work relationship with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. The Georgia Public Safety Training Center has allowed Lieutenant Wynn to be directly involved in the training process of our recruits to get them through E.V.O.C. which is known for its high failure rate. Lieutenant Wynn has helped tremendously to reduce the failure rate for our recruits.

Lieutenant Wynn has taught several training seminars on Active Shooters in several of our local churches and businesses throughout the city both on duty and off duty. This training has helped to bolster our relationship with local churches and businesses. Lieutenant Wynn is actively involved with the Miracle Riders for Children's Miracle Network and Harleys for HOPE (Breast Cancer Awareness Ride). In doing all that he is responsible for and more, Lieutenant Wynn is constantly giving all the credit to his training staff rather than to himself, which speaks volumes to his humility.

This is only a brief summary of what Lieutenant Wynn contributes to this department and our community daily. Lieutenant Wynn's dedication to this profession and his tireless efforts to train, train, and train again, clearly qualifies him to be the **Columbus Police Department's 2019 Officer of the Year!**

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IN MEMORIAM



<i>Charles B. Harvey & J.W. Stokes</i>	May 20, 1920
<i>William G. Pate</i>	February 5, 1921
<i>Ernest S. Evans</i>	October 25, 1935
<i>Harry C. Gibson</i>	April 6, 1943
<i>Sumpter Burns</i>	November 6, 1946
<i>Jack C. Boone</i>	February 15, 1973
<i>Robert G. Vining</i>	April 21, 1976
<i>Billy R. Watson</i>	December 28, 1976
<i>James N. Bowers</i>	April 4, 1979
<i>Thomas M. "Spanky" Bowen</i>	March 11, 1984
<i>Clois W. "Sonny" Lamb</i>	December 12, 1989
<i>Shirley D. Winston</i>	December 31, 1989
<i>Sife Perdue</i>	January 5, 1994
<i>Charles E. Osborne, Jr.</i>	August 8, 1994
<i>Ronnie M. Bowers</i>	October 10, 2002
<i>Thomas Keith Slay</i>	July 30, 2013